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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2001, for which a response is due November 27, 2001. Claims 1-35 have been rejected. Please take the action indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

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(Please amend the claims as follows:)

(amended) Apparatus for supporting a body part, comprising:

 a rest member for said body part;
 an expandable member associated with said rest member; and
 means for expanding said expandable member upwardly and forwardly with said body
 part on said rest member.